



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PROJECT SECTION

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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROGRAM UPDATE



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: February 2018

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROGRAM: 2018 Business Plan

- **Anticipated Schedule**

- » Release of Draft Business Plan: March 9, 2018
- » 60-day comment period
- » Submitted to Legislature: June 1, 2018

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROGRAM: State Legislative Audit

- In January, the state legislature approved an audit of California High-Speed Rail Program
- The audit is estimated to take about seven months
- The audit will examine a variety of items including contract management, economic impact on communities, and compliance with small and disadvantaged business and environmental goals
- Last audit took place in 2012

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROGRAM: NEPA Assignment

- In November, CalSTA & the California High-Speed Rail Authority announced their application and issues a draft for public review for NEPA Assignment from the FRA
- First transit/rail program to apply for NEPA Assignment
- Execution anticipated in late Spring/early Summer 2018
- Under the NEPA Assignment the state assumes the federal environmental responsibilities under NEPA and other federal environmental laws

Connecting California: Northern California

- **Improves** Mobility & **Upgrades** Bay Area Transportation Infrastructure
- **Connects** Bay Area to Central Valley
- **Blended** System Along Peninsula
- **Multi-Model Transportation Hubs**
 - » Transbay Transit Center
 - » Millbrae-SFO
 - » San Jose Diridon Station
 - » Gilroy Station



SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION



SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE: Overview

- 51-Mile Blended Corridor
- Smallest footprint of previously considered alternatives
 - » Fewer impacts to landowners
 - » Fewer environmental impacts
- Currently evaluating two alternatives
 - » Three Key Project Elements
 - » Common Project Elements
- Stations being studied
 - » San Francisco (4th and King)
 - » Millbrae (SFO)
 - » San Jose (Diridon)
- Elements of the alternatives can be “mixed and matched”



PROJECT MANAGEMENT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH CALTRAIN

- In 2016, the Authority Board approved the Peninsula Corridor Funding Plan, required for the Authority to commit \$600 million in Proposition 1A funds for Caltrain's Peninsula Electrification Project.
- The disbursement of the funds follows the state Department of Finance's approval of the funding plan as required under Proposition 1A.
- For these funds to be distributed to Caltrain, the Authority and Caltrain must enter into a funding agreement.

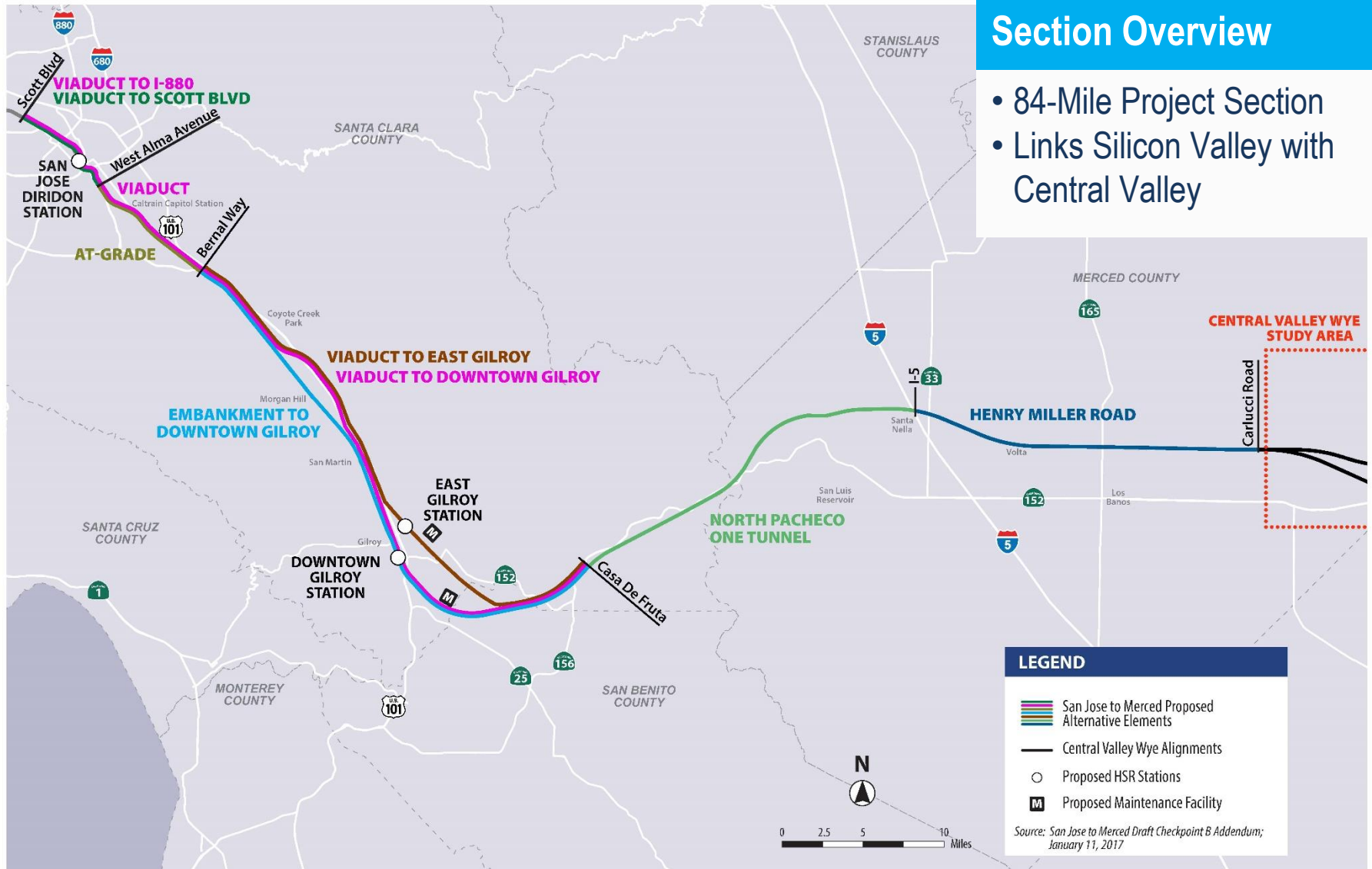
OUTREACH

- In 2017, the Authority participated in **148 meetings**, presentations, tours, workshops, and open houses aimed at informing and gathering input from city council briefings, neighborhood groups, community working groups, technical working groups, and environmental justice communities throughout the Peninsula Corridor.
- The **Local Policy Maker Group** meets in San Carlos the fourth Thursday every other month. Members include one representative from each city and county along the proposed alignment. The next meeting will be on April 26 and is open to the public.

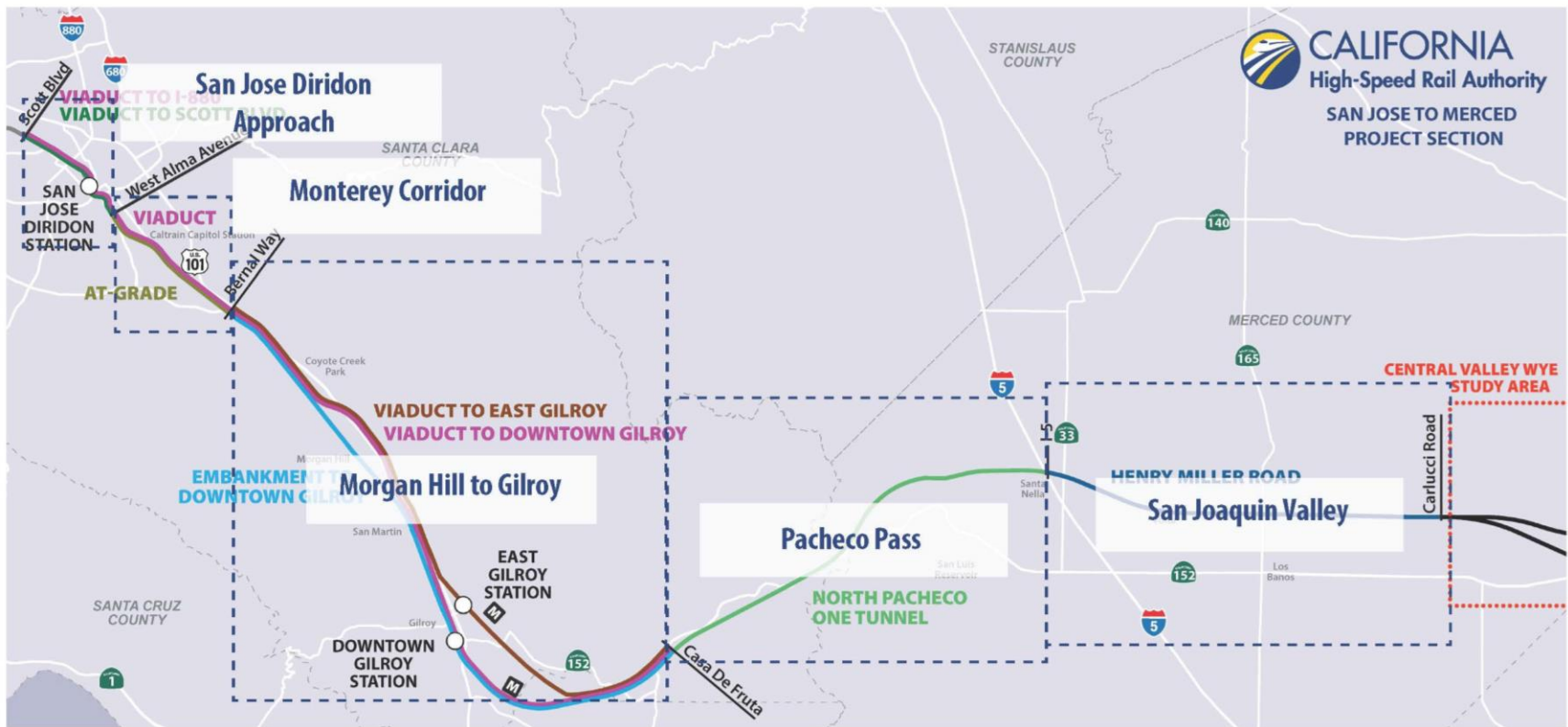
SAN JOSE TO MERCED PROJECT SECTION



San Jose to Merced: Overview



San Jose to Merced: Current Alternatives



✓ San Jose Diridon Approach

- Long Viaduct to Scott Blvd. (6 miles)
- Short Viaduct to I-880 (4 miles)

✓ Monterey Corridor

- Viaduct in median of Monterey Road
- At-Grade adjacent to Union Pacific Right-of-Way

✓ Morgan Hill to Gilroy

- Embankment to Downtown Gilroy
- Viaduct to Downtown Gilroy
- Viaduct to East Gilroy

✓ Pacheco Pass

Tunnel

✓ San Joaquin Valley

Henry Miller Road

Technical Work Update

- **Romero Ranch**

- » HSR considering realignment across the eastern portion of Romero Ranch to minimize environmental and landowner impacts and avoid disturbance to third parties

- **Environmental Technical Reports**

- » Revised Environmental Technical Reports are being developed by HSR environmental team to then be reviewed by FRA

- **Wildlife Corridor and Floodplain Analysis**

- » Outreach regarding mitigation strategies for wildlife crossings and flood mitigation throughout Coyote Valley, Soap Lake area and Pacheco Pass

- **Stakeholder Outreach to Agencies**

- » Engaging stakeholders: Cities, Counties, Water districts, environmental groups, landowners to design and deliver a project that addresses their concerns

Outreach

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- In 2018, outreach will include:
 - » March release of Business Plan followed by 60 day Public Review period
 - » Community and Technical Working Group meetings
 - » Open houses to support environmental document

BAC MEMBER COMMENTS/QUESTIONS



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